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An estimated 2.5 billion people around the globe tuned in to television broadcasts of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, who died at the age of 36 in a car crash in Paris the week before.

TODAY

Asian Studies Talk
Leading American studies professor George Lipsitz will give a talk entitled “Why Asian American Studies Matter Now” at 3:30 p.m. in the Avaya Auditorium (ACE 2.302).

“Bad Idea”

FAB Gallery presents a group show by Alumni A12 in its first art show of the season; free snacks and drinks will be provided from 6-9 p.m. on the lower level of the Doty Fine Arts Building.

College Republicans

The campus political group will have its first meeting of the semester tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the McCombs School of Business (CBA 4.332); free pizza will be provided.



QUOTE TO NOTE

“You wouldn’t notice that she’s a freshman. [Brooks] just comes in here and she plays. She’s adjusting great.”

— Salima Rockwell
Assoc. head volleyball coach

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Faculty and staff get merit-based raise

By Alexa Ura

UT colleges and departments have awarded pay increases to faculty and staff with the help of advanced budget planning, despite the failure of two of the University’s major funding sources, to keep pace with the costs of educating students.

Each college or department implemented merit increases for faculty and staff equal to 2 per-

cent of salaries. Not all increases are permanent, with some faculty and staff only receiving one-time salary increases. The merit increases became effective Sept. 1.

Since 2008, the state has cut funds to higher education, and last spring, the UT System Board of Regents denied a tuition increase for UT-Austin in-state undergraduates. The University was still able to fund merit increases for faculty and staff because its five-year budgeting

process allowed it to collect a reserve of funds for strategic university needs, UT vice president and chief financial officer Kevin Hegarty said.

“While we are in uncertain times this year, the central administration determined that the most pressing of strategic needs is to take actions that we believe will help retain our most precious resource — our faculty and staff,” he said.

Colleges and departments

could have used the budget reserves differently if they had identified a more pressing need than merit increases, but most colleges allocated self-generated reserves to faculty and staff raises, Hegarty said.

The University implemented merit increases last year, allocated one-time bonuses in 2010 and froze salaries in 2009. The University last established permanent pay increases in 2008.

Leslie Vaaler, chair of the Fac-

ulty Council’s Faculty Welfare Committee and senior mathematics lecturer, said funding cuts have pushed faculty to contribute more time to the University.

“While University faculty members may be generous with their time, they naturally want to be fairly compensated and appreciated,” she said.

Dean of Students Sonia Reagins-Lilly said the University

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CAMPUS

High turnout for fair



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff

Juniors Juliette Seive and Larisa Manescu learn about Planet Longhorn from organization members at Party on the Plaza Wednesday morning. Party on the Plaza, hosted by RecSports, is the largest student organization fair and also functions as one of the main fundraisers for the Student Emergency Fund.

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NATION

Student delegates represent University

By Mary Ellen Knewtson

With seven students serving as delegates and a recent graduate speaking Thursday, the University has a strong influence on the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., despite Texas’ conservative political atmosphere.

University Democrats president Leslie Tisdale and the other UT delegates joined the ranks of the 287 Texas delegates who will, with delegates from the rest of the country, officially nominate President Barack Obama as the Democratic Party’s candidate for president. The delegates will also vote on the party’s platform and attend council meetings.

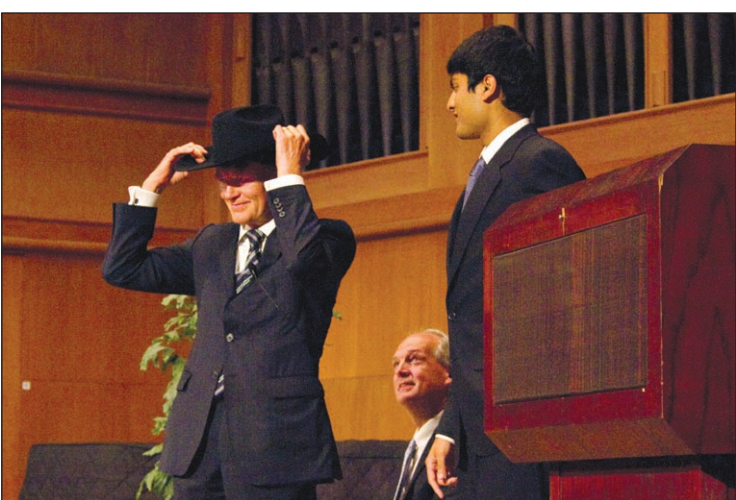
“This is an incredible school representation,” Tisdale said. “We’ve met a lot of cool,

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The McCombs School of Business presents Ellis Armstrong, CFO of Exploration and Production for BP, with an honorary Stetson Hat following his appearance at Wednesday’s VIP Speaker Session.

Aaron Berecka
Daily Texan Staff



Distinguished Speaker Series features BP CFO Armstrong

By David Loewenberg

Donning a black Stetson cowboy hat presented to him by the Undergraduate Business Council and holding up a Hook ‘Em Horns sign, BP executive Ellis Armstrong concluded his discussion chronicling his journey up the corporate ladder as part of the McCombs VIP Distinguished Speaker Series.

Armstrong, Chief Financial Officer of Exploration and Production at BP, participated in a discussion Wednesday evening with David Platt, associate dean for undergraduate programs at the McCombs School of Business, followed by a Q-and-A session where he offered advice on everything from family life to natural gas price speculation. The Undergraduate Busi-

ness Council organized the event as part of the McCombs VIP Distinguished Speaker Series. The event was free to all UT students.

As he recounted his professional successes and mistakes, Armstrong drew on his personal experiences to offer advice to college students.

“The thing I would have told myself in college is don’t get too stressed about making the right choice because some people know all their life they want to do a certain thing,” Armstrong said. “At least in my life, I didn’t know, so the thing I would have told myself is give yourself the most options and pick one that you are going to like doing.”

BP, a name that has become inextricably and infamously linked with the Deepwater Horizon explosion that resulted in

nearly five millions barrels of oil leaking into the Gulf of Mexico, has worked to correct the damage since the spill in April 2010, Armstrong said.

“Obviously the events of 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico were a tragic accident and everybody wishes it did not happen. But the thing that is interesting though, is that the response to that accident did actually, in a deep way, reveal the values of the company,” Armstrong said.

Finance and computer science student, Jay Shah, who serves as chair of the VIP Distinguished Speaker Series, said BP’s global standing and prominence on the UT campus motivated the Undergraduate Business Council to invite Armstrong to speak.

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CAMPUS

No Texan news boxes available outside Belo

By Bobby Blanchard

As the Belo Center for New Media works to gear students up for the new digital age of journalism, some faculty and students are concerned it is leaving the print age behind.

Citing environmental concerns, College of Communication administrators have stopped The Daily Texan from placing a news box in front of the \$54.8 million Belo Center for New Media. Janice Daman, assistant dean of the College of Communication, told the School of Journalism last week that no news boxes are allowed in the Belo plaza or on the sidewalk. Since opening in August, the University’s newest building has housed the School of

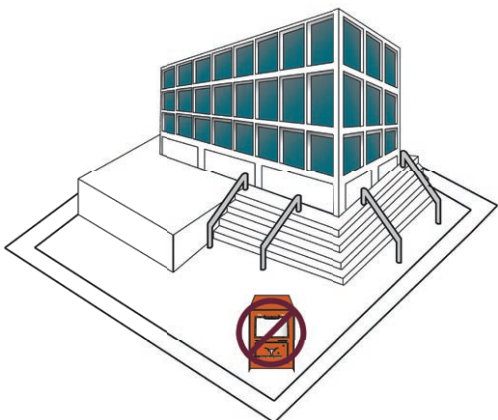
Journalism and the departments of advertising and public relations.

Mark Morrison, adjunct lecturer in the School of Journalism and a Texas Student Media board member, said he was disappointed and wants a Texan news box in front of the center.

“I think it is outrageous,” Morrison said. “We should make it as easy as possible for our students and faculty to get access to the Texan. The Belo Center is, after all, the home of the journalism school.”

The issue arose when Glenn Frankel, director of the school of journalism, asked journalism professor Wanda Cash to look into why there were no Texan

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

High 104 Low 76
Nasty, now the ant is on -my- screen.

UNIVERSITY

Blackboard faces new competition

By Jody Serrano

Two learning management systems are fighting head-to-head to secure a claim to the 40 Acres, a match that could possibly knock market leader Blackboard off campus.

Under the instruction of 44 faculty members, 3,000 UT students are currently testing Blackboard and Canvas, learning management tools that administer content, store grades and access student knowledge. The UT System Board of Regents has allocated \$3.9 million for the pilot project and will make a decision on whether to switch all of UT to Canvas in 2016 based on student and faculty feedback. No decision has been made, but UT officials said they expect Canvas to be received well.

UT has used Blackboard since 2000 and recently upgraded to a new version of the system. It pays about \$400,000 a semester to use Blackboard and house Blackboard's servers on campus. Throughout the pilot, UT will continue to use Blackboard.

Because the pilot only affects specific courses, students involved in the pilot will most likely use both systems.

Gretchen Ritter, vice provost for undergraduate education, said searching for next-generation tools plays into UT's plan to increase four-year gradu-

ation rates, which currently stand at 51 percent.

"It is not telling people, 'you have this number of this semester to graduate and you're out.' It is ensuring [students] have the tools they need," Ritter said. "What a lot of people do not appreciate is that by using these online tools you can increase what happens in a face-to-face environment."

The learning management tool evaluation originated in 2010, after a UT survey revealed many of Blackboard's features were not being used. Information Technology Services also found that students and faculty thought Blackboard was clunky and slow. The results propelled ITS and the UT Center for Teaching and Learning, a campus-wide institution focused on innovating education, to evaluate Blackboard the following year and search for alternatives.

Ritter said contrary to Blackboard, Canvas is a more intuitive learning management system. One of the main differences between the two is Canvas's ability to integrate social media and learning management. For example, students using Canvas can opt to receive notifications on Facebook whenever their professor posts a certain grade. Canvas also boasts a calendar that syncs with Google Calendar as well as Google Docs, a popular collaboration tool.

UT is currently trying to figure out how to securely use Google Docs through Canvas and limit the service to only those with a UT Mail account.

All nine UT System universities currently use Blackboard, and the company has about 100 colleges and universities using the system in Texas, a Blackboard official said. UT Chief Information Officer Brad Englert said a UT-Austin decision to switch to Canvas will not affect all UT System schools, although schools will likely be interested in what UT is doing.

Blackboard representative Anne Jenkins said UT is a strong and valued partner and the company is focused on building on their relationship. Jenkins said the company will deliver more Blackboard updates during the year that aim to help students collaborate. She said the company also plans to make Blackboard compatible with Facebook and Twitter, something Canvas already does.

Mario Guerra, an instructional technology specialist at the Center for Teaching and Learning, said UT is currently in the process of developing a support structure for Canvas. UT handles a majority of Blackboard's troubleshooting since its servers are housed on campus. Canvas uses off-site

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Lynne Sladky | Associated Press

Former Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland speaks to delegates at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., on Tuesday.

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prominent people in the Democratic Party."

She said as a delegate she gets to hear high-profile party speakers including the president, first lady and former president Bill Clinton. Tisdale said speakers greet delegates on the floor after their speeches.

"We are on the floor, so we have the most restricted access," she said. "We get to meet pretty much everyone. So that is a nice perk."

The Democratic Party does not cover delegates' travel expenses, so Tisdale said University Democrats raised \$8,000 to cover all costs for the nine UT students attending the convention. Two additional UT students joined the seven delegates as special guests and were given floor access but no vote, she said.

At the Republican National Convention last week, no UT-Austin students served as delegates, Chris Elam, delegation coordinator for the Republican Party of Texas said. One UT System student, Isabel Gonzalez from the University of Texas at El Paso, served as a delegate, he said.

Sherri Greenberg, director for the UT Center for Politics and Governance, said the national conventions have long

histories in both parties. The first Democratic National Convention occurred in 1832 and the first Republican National Convention in 1856. She said they are intended to bring a proportional representation of the demographics of each party. Each state is different, but in Texas she said potential delegates pledge themselves to the candidate they will nominate, then caucus at the county level to elect delegates to the state convention and on to the national convention. All registered voters have an opportunity to attend the caucus, as long as they register with the party, Greenberg said.

"This time it is pretty simple because Obama is running unopposed," Greenberg said. "But it is not just ceremonial."

Aside from nominating a candidate for president, delegates can fulfill other roles, she said. They also meet to set policy, elect officers or attend to state-level business.

Tisdale said UT is surprisingly active in the political arena, which she thinks is good because politics dictates how young people will participate in their community in the future.

"It's our future," Tisdale said. "The economy in 10 years, in 20 years — that's for us."

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depends on merit increases to retain high-quality staff and deliver quality services to students.

"You will not find a department or college unit that has not talked about increases for salary," she said.

Most colleges gave recurring merit increases to faculty, but the College of Liberal Arts only implemented one-time increases for faculty, while the College of Communication adopted a mix of recurring and one-time increases.

As for the staff's merit increases, the College of Communication, the Cockrell School of Engineering, the College of Liberal Arts and the UT-Austin Graduate School limited raises to one-time occasions.

The School of Undergraduate Studies approved a mix of recurring and one-time increases for staff, while the College of Education implemented one-time merit increases for critical staff.

Faculty Advisory Committee on Budgets chair Hillary Hart said the committee told UT President William Pow-

ers, Jr. it did not desire to raise faculty salaries on the back of staff cuts.

"Faculty understood how critical the staff are to our and the University's success," she said.

Staff Council chair Erika Frahm said Powers discussed recurring and one-time increases with Staff Council executive officers. The council recommended both types of increases in order to maximize the budgetary abilities of each department facing different levels of funding and budgetary hardship, she said.

"As the external job market improves, we are seeing high-performing staff find better opportunities elsewhere," Frahm said.

Powers recommended merit-based pay increases for University employees as part of the University's budget, which was approved by the regents during their August meeting.

"In this time of austerity, we are focusing on what matters most — student success and remaining competitive for talented faculty and staff," Powers wrote in an Aug. 23 e-mail to the University. "Our peer universities continue to try to raid talent at UT. These pay increases are small but strategic adjustments to protect that talent."

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"BP is a company that has a strong presence at UT, both in the business school and outside," Shah said. "We know how many students are recruited by BP and we know how big of a role they play in energy throughout the world."

Business freshman, Liam Woolley-MacMath, said being able to see and hear from Armstrong and the other speakers the series brings to campus is extremely beneficial to undergraduate students.

"That's basically all of our dream jobs," Woolley-MacMath said. "Just to see somebody in that position is kind of inspiring."

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boxes in front of the Belo Center for New Media. Daman informed Cash of the college's policy regarding news boxes in an e-mail.

Daman said the building is environmentally friendly, and the presence of news boxes raises concerns that litter, clutter and debris could gather around the building.

The Belo Center for New Media is striving to achieve the "silver certification" from U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Signage, banners, plaques and other forms of paper have also been banned from being posted outside the building.

"It's not a news box issue, per se," Daman said in an e-mail to The Daily Texan. "That is important to understand."

In her e-mail to Cash, Daman said the project team rejected a number of requests for material to be posted in front of the build-

ing in order to maintain "the look of the plaza."

"You'll notice that even the trash cans' color was specifically chosen by the architect," Daman said in her e-mail to Cash.

Daman also said there are Texan boxes nearby, one across Whitis Street at the Kinsolving Residence Hall and another across Dean Keaton Street.

Morrison said faculty and students at the Belo Center for New Media should not have to cross the street to pick up a copy of the Texan.

Frankel, director of the school of journalism, said he thinks it is a mistake not to put news boxes in front of the Belo Center for New Media.

"This is the School of Journalism and the College of Communication, and newspapers remain one of the fundamental platforms and vehicles of journalism," Frankel said. "I would like our students to be exposed to journalism and all of its manifestations here — and that includes newspapers."

A former editor-in-chief of the Texan from 1969 to 1970, Morrison said he did not face similar issues during his time as editor, but problems with placing news boxes outside of buildings have become more common recently. Last semester, the College of Communication did not let The Daily Texan

place news boxes in front of the CMA building in the Walter Cronkite Plaza.

"I mean, to think that the Walter Cronkite Plaza does not have a Daily Texan newsstand, Walter would be rolling over in his grave," Morrison said.

Cronkite, an icon in the industry of broadcast journalism, got his start at the Texan.

Susannah Jacob, editor-in-chief of the Texan, said she was disappointed there are no newsstands in front of the Belo Center.

"We make every effort with every issue to stop any confusion between The Daily Texan and trash," Jacob said.

The Daily Texan, UT's official student newspaper, has roughly 75 news boxes on campus and 100 off campus. The Texan also has about 175 off-campus distribution locations where business owners receive bundles of the Texan and then offer free copies to their customers.

The UT System's policy on solicitation allow the individual universities to decide where news racks or news boxes can be located. While UT-Austin does not have a specific policy or rule, a spokesperson for Facilities Services said UT does not allow the location of boxes and stands to interfere with foot and vehicle traffic or building access.

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Arizona immigration law okayed by judge

PHOENIX — A federal judge has ruled that Arizona authorities can enforce the most contentious section of the state's immigration law, which critics have dubbed the "show me your papers" provision.

The ruling Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton clears the way for police to carry out the 2010 law's requirement that officers, while enforcing other laws, question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the country illegally.

The requirement has been at the center of a two-year legal battle that culminated in a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June upholding the requirement.

Opponents then asked Bolton to block the requirement and argued it would lead to racial profiling of Latinos.

The law is expected to go into effect shortly.

Romney tax records reportedly stolen

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — The Secret Service said Wednesday it is investigating the reported theft of copies of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's federal tax records during a break-in at an accounting office in Franklin. Someone claiming responsibility demanded \$1 million not to make them public.

An anonymous letter sent to Romney's accounting firm and political offices in Tennessee and published online sought \$1 million in hard-to-trace Internet currency to prevent the disclosure of his tax filings, which have emerged as a key focus during the 2012 presidential race. Romney released his 2010 tax returns and a 2011 estimate in January, but he has refused to disclose his returns from earlier years.

Romney's accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, said there was no evidence that any Romney tax files were stolen.

Texas court-martial case postponed

SAN ANTONIO — A court-martial due to start in the case against a Texas Air Force basic training instructor accused in a sex scandal at a San Antonio air base was delayed without explanation Wednesday.

The trial of Master Sgt. Jamey Crawford had been scheduled to begin Wednesday afternoon at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. However, the San Antonio Express-News reports the courtroom remained empty of attorneys as the scheduled start time passed.

Finally Lt. Col. Mark Hoover, a lawyer with the Air Force training command, confirmed the postponement. He offered no explanation, other than "to preserve the integrity of the process."

Crawford's accused of wrongfully conducting a sexual relationship with a basic trainee, wrongfully serving alcohol to the trainee, adultery and making a false statement.

Isaac uncovers oil left from BP spill

NEW ORLEANS — Waves from Hurricane Isaac uncovered oil previously buried along Gulf Coast beaches, exposing crude oil that wasn't cleaned up after the BP spill in 2010.

Since Isaac made landfall more than a week ago, the water the storm has receded, tar balls and oil have been reported on shores in Alabama and Louisiana.

Costa Rica earthquake causes minor terror

By Danica Coto

Associated Press

CANGREJAL, Costa Rica (AP) — A powerful magnitude-7.6 earthquake shook Costa Rica and neighboring countries Wednesday, sending panicked people into the streets and briefly triggering a tsunami alert, but causing little damage. Authorities reported one confirmed death.

"When we felt the earthquake, we held onto each other because we kept falling," said Rosa Pichardo, 45, who was walking on the beach in the town of Samara with her family when the quake hit.

"I've never felt anything like this. We just couldn't stay standing. My feet gave out under me. It was terrible, terrible," she said.

Officials said the quake collapsed some houses and at least one bridge and caused landslides that blocked highways. Costa Rica President Laura Chinchilla said there were no reports of major damage and called for calm.

Residents described being shocked by the force of the quake, which was felt as far away as Panama and Nicaragua and was the biggest since a 7.6-magnitude quake in 1991 left 47 people dead.

Michelle Landwer, owner of the Belvedere Hotel in Samara, north of the epicenter, said she was having breakfast with about 10 people when the quake hit.

"The whole building was moving, I couldn't even



Thomas Dooley | Associated Press

A wall at the University of Costa Rica's school of electrical engineering is damaged after an earthquake in San Jose, Costa Rica. A powerful, magnitude-7.6 earthquake shook Costa Rica and a wide swath of Central America Wednesday.

walk," Landwer said. "Everything was falling, like glasses and everything." Still, she added, "Here in my building there was no real damage."

The quake was somewhat deep — 25 miles (41 kilometers) below the surface. Quakes that occur deeper underground tend to be less damaging, but more widely felt.

"If it was a shallower event, it would be a significantly higher hazard," said seismologist Daniel McNamara of the U.S.

Geological Survey.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake was centered about 38 miles (60 kilometers) from the town of Liberia and 87 miles (140 kilometers) west of the capital, San Jose. The magnitude initially was estimated at 7.9, but was quickly downgraded to 7.6.

The quake was followed by two strong aftershocks of magnitudes 4.5 and 4.4.

Officials initially warned of a possible tsunami, and Samara local police supervisor Jose Angel Gomez said

about 5,000 people — 80 percent of the town's population — had been evacuated from coastal towns in and near the quake's epicenter. By midday they were allowed to return.

In San Juan, frightened residents ran into the streets, and cell phone and Internet service failed across the city. Some neighborhoods lost electricity.

At the hospitals of Nicoya and Liberia, in Guanacaste, hundreds of people packed emergency rooms asking to be treated for shock and

minor injuries.

One death was confirmed, a man who died of a heart attack caused by fright, said Carlos Miranda, a Red Cross worker in the city of Liberia.

In the last four decades, the region has been rocked by 30 earthquakes of magnitude-6 and larger. Two exceeded magnitude-7 — in 1978 and 1990 — but did not cause any deaths.

The last deadly quake to strike Costa Rica was in 2009, when 40 people died in a magnitude-6.1 temblor.



Sean Kilpatrick | The Canadian Press/Associated Press

A police officer looks towards a black vehicle that has had its contents removed at a crime scene outside the Metropolis in Montreal Wednesday.

Marois' victory rally marred by shooting

By Phil Couvrette and Rob Gillies

Associated Press

MONTREAL (AP) — Police interrogated a man accused of opening fire at a midnight victory rally for Quebec's new separatist premier, but they said the suspect's rambling statements in French and English offered no immediate motive for the shooting that killed one man and wounded another.

A police official Wednesday identified the suspect as Richard Henry Bain, 62, from La Conception, Quebec. The police official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the suspect had not been charged.

Police said Bain will likely appear in court Thursday morning. Meanwhile, people who know Bain, the owner of a hunting and fishing resort, recalled his complaints about bureaucracy but could think of no political grievances he held.

Quebec provincial police said the masked gunman wearing a bathrobe opened fire just outside the building where Pauline Marois of the separatist Parti

Quebecois was giving her victory speech.

The gunman was heard shouting "The English are waking up!" in French as police dragged him away.

Marois was whisked off the stage by guards and was not injured. She later called the shooting an isolated event and said it was probably a case of a person who has "serious health issues."

"I am deeply affected by this, but I have to go forward and assume my responsibilities," Quebec's first female premier said Wednesday, calling Quebec a non-violent society. "An act of folly cannot rid us of this reality."

The attack shocked Canadians who are not used to such violence at political events and have long worried that gun violence more often seen in the U.S. could become more common in their country.

Police said a 48-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene and a 27-year-old man was wounded but would survive. A third man was treated for shock. Police didn't identify the victims, but they worked at production company Productions du Grand Bambou Inc, a person answering the phone at the Montreal company confirmed.

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VIEWPOINT

Planned Parenthood’s Texas future

Editor’s note: UT law professor Stefanie Lindquist is the associate dean for external affairs, whose research focuses on judicial behavior in state and federal appeals courts. We asked her about the recent developments in the litigation between Planned Parenthood affiliates in Texas and the state of Texas playing out in a federal appeals court.

Daily Texan Editorial Board: On Sept. 4, Planned Parenthood asked the entire Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider a ruling by a three-judge panel that allows Texas to withhold state women’s health care funding from its clinics. Does this news surprise you and what was the significance and the reasoning behind the three-judge panel’s ruling?

Stefanie Lidquist: En banc review [when a case is heard by all the judges] is always a very rare event (in the Fifth Circuit, generally less than 10 cases are heard en banc per year), and typically only in cases of “exceptional importance.” It is not surprising that Planned Parenthood would seek review by the court en banc in this high profile case. The Fifth Circuit ruled that the district court’s preliminary injunction — suspending the enforcement of a state regulation forbidding the funding to PP clinics — would be vacated. Without the injunction, the State of Texas could enforce this state regulation that prohibits state funding to entities that “perform or promote elective abortions or affiliate with entities that perform or promote elective abortions.” The panel’s decision upheld the state’s right to spend state tax dollars only on health clinics that do not share an “identifying mark” with an abortion provider or that otherwise “promote” abortion. Thus, even though the plaintiffs in the case did not offer abortion services, the court held that to the extent they “promoted” elective abortions or were affiliated with other Planned Parenthood clinics that do so, they fell within the ambit of the regulation. Moreover, the panel held that the plaintiffs had not demonstrated a substantial likelihood of success on the merits of their claim that the regulations violated their rights to free speech and association.

DT: What are the odds that Planned Parenthood will be granted a hearing before the full court?

SL: For most cases, the odds are extremely low. This case may qualify, however, as one of “exceptional importance” that might warrant en banc review. A majority of the active judges on the Fifth Circuit must vote in favor of a rehearing en banc.

DT: If it is allowed to make its case before the entire Fifth Circuit, what do you expect Planned Parenthood to argue?

SL: Planned Parenthood will argue that the three-judge panel applied improperly the prior constitutional rulings in this area (particularly a decision called *Rust v. Sullivan* from the Supreme Court) and violated the clinics’ rights to free speech (by informing their clients of the option to obtain an abortion) as well as their rights to freely associate with Planned Parenthood’s other abortion-providing clinics.

DT: Are there alternative paths, apart from litigation, to a resolution between the state and Planned Parenthood? If yes, what are they and what are the advantages and disadvantages of those for poor women seeking health care?

SL: It may be possible for the clinics to disassociate from Planned Parenthood in some way (to avoid the “identifying mark”) but to comply with the ruling, they might also have to forgo informing women about their right to an elective abortion. The panel held that the plaintiff clinics had implicitly conceded that they promote abortion within the meaning of the regulation. But the decision is not lengthy or detailed — so it is hard to tell exactly what options might be available short of litigation. Moreover, it is important to remember that the panel was not addressing the merits of the dispute, but only the preliminary question whether the law could be enjoined while the case proceeded to trial in the district court. To obtain a preliminary injunction, plaintiffs must demonstrate a substantial likelihood of success on their claim. The panel clearly determined that Planned Parenthood had not met that burden to obtain the injunction — although the panel’s decision does support the constitutionality of Texas’s regulation. Nevertheless, the case must still go to trial in order to determine any factual disputes about the clinics and their affiliations.

DT: Why would Texas lawmakers want to defund clinics that don’t provide abortions?

SL: Because the Texas legislature does not want to spend state dollars on any institution that provides abortions or is affiliated with abortion providers based on the concern that, in doing so, it might appear that the Texas legislature supports elective abortions.

DT: The panel’s ruling states that the name Planned Parenthood “equates” with abortion, and Texas isn’t obligated to fund a clinic it associates with abortion. But Planned Parenthood’s abortion clinics were already receiving no taxpayer funding. Why did the panel overlook that?

SL: The panel did not necessarily overlook that fact. Their ruling simply did not turn on the source of funding for the abortion clinics. The regulations prohibit funding to clinics that affiliate with abortion providers, regardless of the manner in which the abortion-providing affiliate is funded.

DT: What are the likely effects of a protracted litigation on low-income women in Texas?

SL: Unless the injunction is reentered by the circuit court en banc, funding cannot be restored to the clinics unless and until Planned Parenthood prevails in the trial court — and perhaps even until all appeals are final.

DT: Are other states likely to follow in Texas’ footsteps? Which ones?

SL: One of the key elements to the Texas situation is that the state has chosen to forgo federal funding for its Women’s Health Program. Governor Perry did so to avoid a federal regulation that specifically allows federal dollars to be spent in support of non-abortion-providing clinics that affiliate with abortion providers. Texas would be constrained by those federal regulations in the Women’s Health Program if it accepted federal financial support. In short, Texas can do what it is doing, while continuing a women’s health program, only because it is willing to leave federal money on the table. Thus other states could follow in Texas’s footsteps if they were similarly willing to spend state rather than federal money on these health programs. .

DT: What should we be looking for in the coming months with regard to the Texas legislature and Planned Parenthood?

SL: Continuing conflict.

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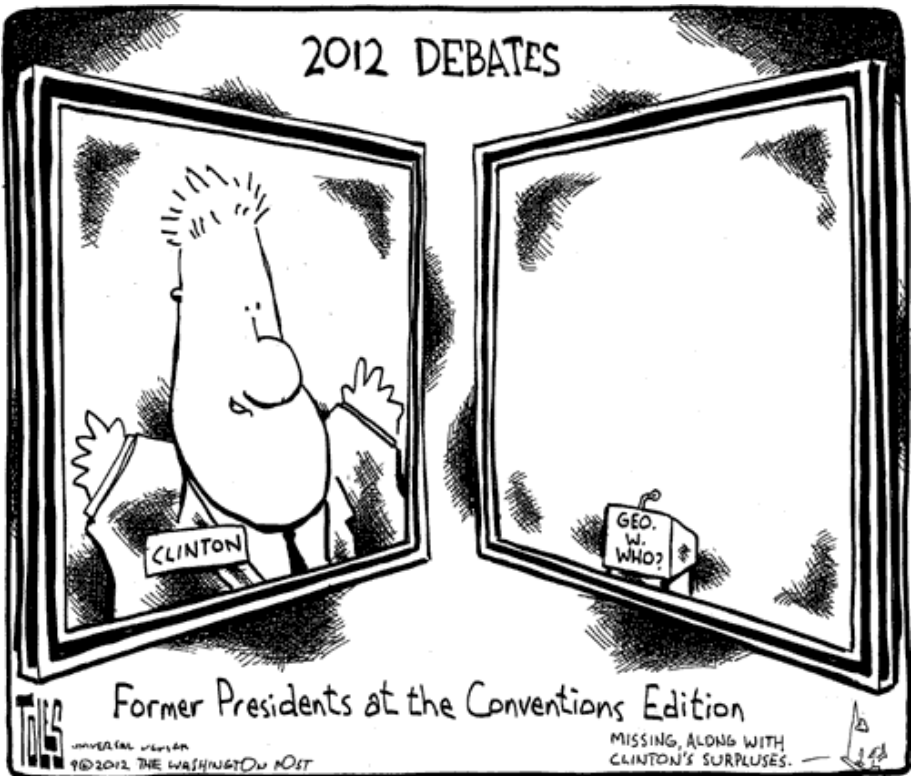
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GALLERY



College cost counts

By Peter Stroud

Daily Texan Columnist

In his speech last week at the Republican National Convention, the party’s nominee Mitt Romney offered nothing to college students reeling from the soaring cost of higher education.

According to the College Board, the cost of four-year colleges has increased by an average of \$8,244 over the past ten years — a 72 percent rise above inflation. Outstanding student loan debt has hit \$914 billion, or about 45,000 times the number of students currently enrolled in American universities.

We at UT are painfully aware of the sky-rocketing costs. “UT gave me a \$20,000 per-year scholarship, but I found out pretty quickly that doesn’t cover everything,” theatre and education senior Jorge Galan said. “Even with that scholarship I’ll be graduating with over \$60,000 in debt. That’ll take at least 20 years for me to pay off.” But Galan, a Texas resident, ranks among the lucky ones. In 2010, the cost of attendance for out-of-state students at UT reached \$45,960, or 93 percent of the U.S. median household income.

And this doesn’t just affect us. The price of a college education has an enormously outsized impact on the economy. The economic explosion of the 1950s saw one of the sharpest rises in GDP per capita in our country’s history — and it had a lot to do with Americans getting affordable college degrees through the GI Bill. They flooded the economy with both skilled workers and consumers ready and eager to spend their paychecks. Notably, those paychecks weren’t being exhausted paying off student loans.

If Romney seeks to revitalize the economy, he should alleviate the crushing debt burying college students. When we graduate, we’re entering the economy owing thousands of dollars and with few job prospects. It doesn’t take a PhD in economics to deduce that there isn’t going to be very much revitalizing spending coming from an enormous swath of the population that’s eating ramen noodles six out of seven nights.

It seems like a no-brainer, but on this issue Romney has failed to deliver. When asked what he would do about college costs in March, Romney told students to “shop around.” This is sound, albeit somewhat obvious, financial advice. Unfortunately, he doesn’t seem to realize that we’re shopping in a district where every store is far out of most Americans’ price range.

But hey, perhaps Romney can be forgiven for not fully understanding the problem. After all, when he went to Brigham Young University in 1969, tuition for Mormon students was \$215 a semester. Just one semester’s worth of non-resident tuition at UT in 2012 would have allowed young Mitt to attend BYU for about eighty years.

In May, Romney released a paper titled “A Chance for Every Child,” which blames federal spending for the exorbitant cost of college, claiming that “a flood of federal dollars is driving up costs and burdening too many young Americans with too much debt and too few opportunities.” The paper crows that “a Romney Administration will tackle this challenge by making clear that the federal government will no longer write a blank check to universities to reward their tuition increases.” Instead, Romney plans to put the nation’s trust in the private sector to “provide information, financing and education itself.”

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When President Obama takes his turn in the national spotlight tonight, I’d like him to know the eyes of America’s college students will be upon him.

Contrary to Romney’s assertions, tuition hikes at public universities have happened largely as a result of huge funding cuts by state governments. In 1985, state appropriations for UT Austin accounted for 47 percent of the university’s budget. Tuition and fees accounted for no more than five percent. Now, tuition and fees provide a quarter of UT’s budget while state funding has dwindled to a mere 13 percent. Amazingly, that actually puts UT ahead of many other state colleges. Last year, the state of Michigan contributed a paltry 4.5 percent of its flagship university’s budget.

Furthermore, Romney’s trust in the private sector is horribly misplaced. We saw how much private lenders care about their borrowers’ best interests in 2008 when Citigroup, Lehman Brothers and their fellows drove the economy into the ditch by issuing countless toxic mortgage loans and gambling on securities with our money. We see it every time we pass a payday lending office in a poor part of town. Those guys aren’t the answer. Neither are the for-profit, University of Phoenix-style institutions that happen to be contributing enormous sums of money to Romney’s campaign.

All this provides opportunity for President Obama to draw contrast between himself and his opponent, but his own response has been sadly underwhelming. So far, Obama has kept interest rates for subsidized Stafford loans from doubling to 6.8 percent, but even Romney was on board with that. In his second term, he plans to make permanent his American Opportunity tax credit, which grants college students up to \$2,500 a year but would take \$13 billion next year alone to renew. He also promises to expand the maximum Pell grant from \$5,550 to \$5,635, but that was already scheduled under current laws.

These are admirable efforts, to be sure, but they bring to mind trying to halt a wildfire with a couple dozen water balloons. In 1980, according to Education Week, the maximum Pell grant covered 77 percent of the average cost of attendance at a 4-year public institution. Today, it covers 36 percent. Even if Obama passes the increase he promises, that 36 percent won’t go up by even a single percentage point. Something far more substantial is necessary.

When President Obama takes his turn in the national spotlight at the convention-tonight, I’d like for him to know the eyes of America’s college students will be upon him.

Stroud is an international relations and global studies major from San Antonio.

CAMPUS

Party on the Plaza raises awareness of groups

By Christina Noriega

Thousands of UT students crowded outside Gregory Gym Wednesday for Party on the Plaza, UT's largest student organization fair of the year.

RecSports hosted what has grown to become UT's largest organization fair since it started 20 years ago, with more than 200 organizations and 20,000 students attending, according to the Party on the Plaza Student Committee.

Jose Nino, president of Libertarian Longhorns, said Party on the Plaza gives lesser-known organizations an opportunity to expose their causes and recruit new members.

"It gives all sorts of groups that may not be well represented on the UT campus an opportunity to table and reach out to other members that didn't realize they existed," Nino said. "It gives each group equal representation and equal ability to be seen."

Randall Ford, associate director of the Division of Recreational Sports, said the Student Emergency Fund receives the majority of its funding from Party on the Plaza. The Office of the Dean of Students uses the fund to assist UT students involved in extreme financial distress or other emergencies, such as an apartment fire.

"Party on the Plaza is one of the main fundraisers for that fund," Ford said. "That fund is very important to students who are in need, whether it be for a trip home if they have had a family illness or something like a fire



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Mechanical bull riding was one among many activities offered at Party on the Plaza Wednesday afternoon. The campus fair gives lesser known organizations opportunities to recruit members and self-promote.

in West Campus where students need assistance with their apartment, or even if they have run into hard times and they just need help with an electricity bill or rent."

According to the Student Emergency Fund web site, enrolled students may apply for a financial award of up to \$250.

Party on the Plaza raises money through donations from participating student organizations and proceeds from a mechanical bull ride and a basketball shot tournament. Each year, the event collects \$4,000 to \$5,000 and has raised more than \$51,000 since 1999, Ford said.

Jesse Hernandez, chair of the Party on the Plaza Student Committee, said the event helps foster altruism among students.

"I think at every level, it is about students helping students," Hernandez said. "Student organizations pledge a certain amount to be a part of

the fair — it's a donation-based pledge — and that money goes to the Student Emergency Fund. Also, the people involved are students. This year we had a 12-member student committee with the help of RecSports, but all of this happened because of students."

Nino said it is important for students to be informed of Party on the Plaza's donations to the Student Emergency Fund.

"I think it is important that people know about this, that people know where the money is going, and so they feel like they have a genuine interest in the well-being of the student body."

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cloud computing, so UT will depend on Canvas to fix server problems.

Guerra said if all UT decides to switch over to Canvas, the University wants faculty to start fresh instead of just transferring course materials, although Canvas offers a course transfer tool.

"We don't want them to just plop their Blackboard course into Canvas," Guerra said. "We would like them to be more organized and think about what they want to do with a learning management system. It is no longer just a course repository."

Canvas spokesperson Devin Knighton said if UT decides to switch over to Canvas, it will be the company's biggest client. Canvas currently has more than 200 clients. Knighton said

about nine of 10 institutions that pilot Canvas end up switching over, and a significant portion of them switch from Blackboard.

"They want something that is modern, up-to-date and easier to use," Knighton said.

Knighton said the company is confident it can support UT for various reasons, such as its use of cloud computing, meaning Canvas operates and supports its customers from remote locations. Also, instead of upgrading to a new version of Canvas every year, the company automatically updates the software every two weeks.

Kimberly Gonzales, curriculum and instruction graduate student, is using both Blackboard and Canvas this semester in

TOP 5 FEATURES OF CANVAS

- **MAIN SCREEN**
The recent activity section operates like the Facebook news stream. The navigation bar shows the user's current classes, assignments, grades and a calendar. A "To Do" panel displays upcoming assignments, due dates and professor-student feedback.
- **NOTIFICATIONS**
Like Facebook and Twitter, Canvas gives users an option to receive notifications for activities such as due dates, grade updates and professor announcements.

her classes. Gonzalez said Canvas's overall look is refreshing, but navigating the website and taking advantage of its features has been a challenge.

Gonzalez also said she

had problems with the Canvas iPad application because it did not load videos her instructor posted for class. With Blackboard, she said she has had trouble finding her assigned content mate-

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rials and finds the platform cluttered. Despite her troubles with both tools, Gonzalez said she prefers Canvas.

She said if professors catch on to Canvas, students will follow.

"If professors are properly trained and know how to layout a course in a way that makes sense, students will not have difficulty moving from one system to another," Gonzalez said.

CAMPUS

Hooking UT students on voting

By Bobby Blanchard

As part of its effort to increase student voter turnout in November, Hook the Vote will deputize volunteers with the ability to register voters for the first time this semester Thursday 6:00 p.m. at the Student Activity Center in room 2.302.

Hook the Vote, which started in 2008, is a bi-partisan Student Government agency that works to inform and register students before elections. This year, Billy Calve, the agency's director, said Hook the Vote is working to improve its previous efforts.

Along with its event Thursday, Calve said Hook the Vote will have a presence in the West Mall every week leading up to the registration deadline to remind students to register. People at these booths will have voter registration cards, be able to register voters and explain the process of registering to vote.

Calve said the main event is Oct. 9, which is Hook the Vote's registration rally and concert at Gregory Gym Plaza.

"At the event, we are going to have guest speakers, free food,

t-shirts, prizes and it is going to be a really cool party," Calve said. "The reason it is on Oct. 9 is because that is the deadline. That is the very last day to register to vote, so we will actually be out there registering people to vote till midnight."

In order to host these events, Calve said Hook the Vote is sponsored by six student organizations and has partnered with 31 other student organizations. Two of those organizations are University Democrats and College Republicans, who will have a debate about the election hosted by Hook the Vote later this semester.

"Part of Hook the Vote's mission is to educate voters," Calve said. "We want students to register to vote, but we also want them to know what is being voted on."

College Republicans spokesperson Danny Zeng said the debate has been a good starting place for students trying to figure out the issues in the election.

"It is a conversation starter. It is important for us to put forth what we believe, and it is important for the Democrats, the Libertarians and for everyone to put forth what they believe," Zeng said. "Hopefully putting



the opinions in front of an audience will stimulate a deeper look into the issues."

Zeng said an average of 100 students attend the Hook the Vote debate, and a video of the debate is recorded and posted online.

Leslie Tisdale, University Democrats president, said an exact date has not been scheduled yet but will be soon.

Calve said when early voting starts, the FAC will be used for voting on campus. During those times, Calve said Hook the Vote will have a presence across campus encouraging and reminding students to vote.

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VOLLEYBALL

Hawaii a breeding ground for Texas liberos

By Rachel Thompson

People often ask Kat Brooks if she can “hang ten.”

The freshman libero, who hails from Honolulu, Hawaii, is quick to dismiss the surfer stereotype.

“I get asked if I surf all the time, and I’m kind of bad at it,” Brooks admits. “I’ve gotten really weird questions like, ‘Do you live in a grass hut? Is there electricity?’”

Brooks praised her native state as a “great place to grow up” but said she’s always had Texas in the back of her mind.

Sarah Palmer, a junior libero for the Longhorns, a fellow Hawaiian and a former club teammate of Brooks, chose Texas several years earlier. Former Longhorn libero Sydney Yogi also hailed from Honolulu, Hawaii, from the same high school as Brooks.

“The Hawaii connection was a big thing,” Brooks said. “Knowing Sarah loved it here really made me willing to try it out. I felt really comfortable coming here.”

Brooks made her collegiate debut in a 3-0 sweep of LSU, notching 13 digs, the most of any player in the match.

“My first game was amazing,” Brooks said. “It was the best experience running out onto the court and seeing the stadium packed full of fans. It was a dream come true.”

Associate head coach Salima Rockwell said Brooks has taken the initiative from the very beginning.



Senior starting Libero Sarah Palmer makes dig against UTSA in 2011. Palmer comes to Texas from Hawaii and is joined by former club teammate Kat Brooks, a freshman libero also from the Aloha State.

“Even from the first day of preseason, she’s shown us that she can be on the court and make some contributions,” Rockwell said. “It’s been a breath of fresh air to have someone that young say, ‘I can do this, I can compete.’”

Head coach Jerrett Elliott said Brooks has quickly established herself as an important member of the team.

“You wouldn’t notice that she’s a freshman,” he said. “She just comes in

here and she plays. She’s adjusting great.”

Two years earlier, Palmer made the decision to leave her home in Kailua, Hawaii to join the Longhorns.

Despite having to adjust to the heat and the sheer size of UT, Palmer said she wanted something different from home.

“I came from a small private school, so switching to a bigger campus was an adjustment,” Palmer said. “I wanted

to go farther from home, because I didn’t want to be dependent on my parents. I wanted to have a more independent lifestyle.”

Palmer was starting libero for 21 matches last season and 22 matches as a freshman. Though she left the sand and surf of home behind, Palmer said the experience at Texas has helped her grow both on and off the court.

“We’ve always had ups and downs but overall, it’s

been a really great experience,” she said. “I’m learning a lot of stuff on the court and in school, learning how to manage my time with such a busy schedule.”

A national championship title, Palmer said, is a consistent year-to-year goal for the team.

“We’re always looking for a national championship — anything lower than that is a

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FOOTBALL



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Jordan went 1-for-3 and had an extra point blocked in his debut.

Kicking must improve



By Christian Corona
Sports Editor

Like their offensive and defensive counterparts, the Longhorns' special teams had moments of brilliance in their season opener while leaving much to be desired.

In his first start as defensive tackle, Chris Whaley blocked an extra point. In his first game with Texas, Alex King booted all three of his punts more than 45 yards, one of which inside the Cowboys' five-yard line.

Head coach Mack Brown called his team's kickoff coverage “the best we’ve had” but also pointed out the glaring need for improvement from his kicker. With Justin Tucker kicking for the Ravens and Penn

State transfer Anthony Fera out with a groin injury, true freshman Nick Jordan took over the place-kicking duties.

But the Coppell product missed two of his three field goal attempts, hitting a 31-yarder but missing a 46-yarder wide left in the second quarter and coming up short on a 44-yard try in the fourth, when he also had an extra point blocked after Texas' final score of the night.

In one game, Jordan missed as many field goal attempts from 40 and 49 yards as Tucker did each of the last two years when he went 9-for-11 from that range. Hunter Lawrence hit 10 of 11 such kicks in 2009, including a 46-yarder as time

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disappointment,” Palmer said. “This team is working really hard to get to our goal of that in the gym and in school, trying to be at our best.”

Palmer is also taking on the informal role of a mentor for her young teammate Brooks, though she said Brooks is perfectly capable on her own.

“It’s really fun to play with Kat,” Palmer said. “Back home I was an outside hitter so we had different roles and now we’re in the same role. It’s just nice having a friendly face around and having that chemistry. Here and there she’ll ask me questions, but she has a high volleyball IQ, so she kind of learns on her own.”

Brooks said she enjoys playing with a familiar teammate and having Palmer there to rely on while miles and miles from their original volley-

ball club in Hawaii.

“We played club together for three years, so we’re really comfortable with each other on the court,” Brooks said. “She has helped me a lot with my positioning on the court and learning the different defensive systems, so it’s really awesome playing with her.”

The Texas appeal, Elliot said, extends beyond volleyball, but the familiarity of having a teammate from the same area has helped the girls adjust.

“They come from a really solid background of volleyball, so it’s kind of been a pipeline,” Elliot said. “They just love it here — I think it’s such a nice change of pace for them. We see them smiling and enjoying themselves.”

They’re sure to make plenty of waves of their own on the court this season.

STAT GUY

Option offense gives Horns a change of pace



By Hank South
Daily Texan Stat Guy

Option-based offenses in college football are nearly extinct. A majority of playbooks focus on airing the ball out, turning football games into track meets. That’s not the case for New Mexico under the tutelage of Bob Davie, the former Notre Dame head coach. In his first year in Albuquerque, Davie has transformed the Lobos into an option team.

In recent years, it has been rare for Texas to come upon an opponent that the defense couldn’t contain. Let’s take a look back at the stats, and see how the Texas defense has fared against option-based football.

Last September, the Longhorns took on UCLA, who ran a pistol-based option offense. Texas left Los Angeles with a 49-20 victory and momentum heading into conference

play after holding the Bruins to 141 yards on the ground on 34 rushes. UCLA only managed to gain 12 first downs. Senior safety Kenny Vaccaro racked up 13 tackles with an interception. The next leading tackler of the game was junior safety Adrian Phillips, with 8 takedowns and a pick returned for 24 yards. One of the biggest bonuses of a running offense is an advantage in the possession battle. The Longhorns managed to win that match as well, 32:47-27:13.

All in all, 2011 was a much better result than when the Bruins visited Austin in 2010 and shocked the Longhorns, handing then-ranked No. 7 Texas a 34-12 defeat. UCLA only put up 264 yards on 56 carries against the Longhorns but had more possession of the ball by 11 minutes. Senior defensive end Alex Okafor reminisced about the UCLA game Monday.

“Back in 2010, they gashed us because we were undisciplined,” Okafor said. “Last year, we were ready for UCLA because we knew our assignments and we prepared for them.”

Since so few teams are classified as solely option-



Zachary Strain | Daily Texan Staff
Defensive end Alex Okafor is familiar with the option.

based, like New Mexico, we’ll consider Kansas State an option team. The Wildcats did, after all, put up 2,411 yards on the ground in 2011, mostly earned by quarterback Collin Klein. Texas held the Wildcats to 38 yards on 39 carries in their November matchup, with defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat notching eight tackles. It’s no doubt the defense did its part holding Klein to a mere four yards on 26 carries in the 17-13 Longhorn loss; however, the offense couldn’t capitalize on their opportunities.

The Lobos rushed for 347

yards and 5 touchdowns last Saturday versus Southern University, as four different players — including quarterback Cole Gautsche — ran for over 65 yards. New Mexico ran it 51 times, with just 10 passes. The Longhorns will rely on all 11 defenders on the field to combat the Lobos’ rushing attack. New Mexico has just six wins since 2009, and hasn’t been a legitimate upset-alert team in years. However, like Okafor said, if the Longhorns’ defense doesn’t play disciplined, assignment football, opposing teams can take advantage of it.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Mere fear of flying can lead to death:

Like a ripple through the pond, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 had lasting impacts on our nation's politics as well as our psyche. A new paper published in Psychological Science investigates one of these ripples in the form of road accidents

that took place in the three months following the attacks. Presumably out of fear of flying, there was an increase in the amount of driving during these three months. However, the authors of the paper show that it wasn't just fear, but convenience as well. Areas close to New York City, for instance, didn't show a large increase in the amount of traffic, despite the fact that New Yorkers felt more of an impact than those in other parts of the country. The reason for this, as demonstrated by the authors, is that there weren't enough available roads to lead to a significant increase in driving. In other words, a major event can affect other parts of our life, but only if the environment we live in supports such a change.

Better Vaccines:

A group of researchers have uncovered information regarding the body's immune response that could be used to manufacture fast-acting vaccines in the future. Our previous understanding was that, when faced with infection, the body has cells to identify the specific infection and stimulate the production of perfectly matched cells to fight it. However, the new research reveals that, prior to that process, the body issues a "first response," which sends everything the body has at a given infection, effectively shooting first and asking questions later. While

the details still need to be worked out, the implications could be enormous for developing better and faster-acting vaccinations.

Magic Carpet Watches Your Step for You:

University of Manchester scientists have demonstrated a new "magic carpet," which maps the steps of its users. Made from plastic optical fibers, it can be placed under normal carpeting, bend with each step a user takes and then send the signals to a computer. The researchers suggest that could be installed in the floors of retirement community homes and hooked into a localized system, where it would be used to alert medical authorities if somebody has taken a fall and needs immediate assistance. Currently, such falls account for 50 percent of admissions to hospitals for those over 65.

Math and Memory:

The posterior medial cortex, or PMC, is an area located toward the back of the brain known to be important for introspection. Unfortunately, due to its location and the nature of its impulses, the region has been difficult to monitor using conventional methods. Fortunately, researchers recently had an opportunity to investigate the

PMC with better detail by recruiting epileptic volunteers who were being evaluated for brain surgery. Part of the evaluation involves a somewhat invasive procedure where doctors implant electrodes within the patient's skull to monitor brain activity. The researchers took advantage of these electrodes to

specifically monitor the PMC. Through this monitoring, they discovered the PMC was heavily active when patients were asked to recall events from their past, but repressed when patients were asked to perform mathematical calculations. The

experiment strongly suggests the brain cannot both remember something and do mathematical thinking at the same time, because the conflicting activations and suppressions can't occur simultaneously.

LEGACY

Guthrie's impact remains intact

By Sarah-Grace Sweeny

There are not many musicians who have stayed as culturally relevant for as long as Elvis, The Beatles or perhaps Bob Dylan. These musicians are known for significantly influencing the voice of American youth culture in their time. But before all these men made their way to the stage, Woody Guthrie was there, singing simple tunes with challenging messages.

So why does it seem like young people today think of Guthrie, who would have turned 100 this year, as nothing more than an old folk singer and not as one of the most important musicians who criticized the elite and empowered the working class?

"Woody Guthrie's influence on American popular music and culture cannot be overstated," Coleman Hutchison, associate professor of English, said. "He helped to make protest music a vibrant part of American life." Hutchison said the song "This Land is Your Land" — written by Guthrie

— remains an almost "alternative national anthem" to this day. Hutchison also mentioned that while students may ask "Woody who?," his subtle presence in today's culture is not to be missed.

Hutchison's point is this: the influence of Guthrie extends far beyond the songs he wrote that became popular, and Stephen Slawek, professor of ethnomusicology and division head of Musicology and Ethnomusicology at the Butler School of Music, agreed with him, saying Guthrie's music is "quintessential Americana."

"I should state that I hardly ever use the word quintessential," Slawek said. "There is something about the way Guthrie's simplicity of musical style connects with his manner of back porch storytelling that produces a sense of everyday America. Of course, his aesthetic is rural and down-home, and he was concerned with the inequities faced by what we now call blue-collar workers."

Hutchison described Guthrie as "such an ingrained part of American life — just like, say, George Gershwin or Hank

Williams Sr. — that one needn't know his work in order to appreciate his influence."

Slawek agreed that Guthrie might have sneaked onto young people's musical radar through the songs of Bob Dylan.

"[Guthrie's] influence in music is seen both directly in the continuing interest in urban folk and old-timey music, and indirectly mediated by his number one fan, Bob Dylan," Slawek said. "It was Dylan who brought a conscience to American popular music, but it was by channeling Woody Guthrie."

Austin is home to many artists creating music with the same simplicity and approachability as Guthrie's. Singer-songwriter Shakey Graves said he found an honesty he didn't know he was looking for within Guthrie's music.

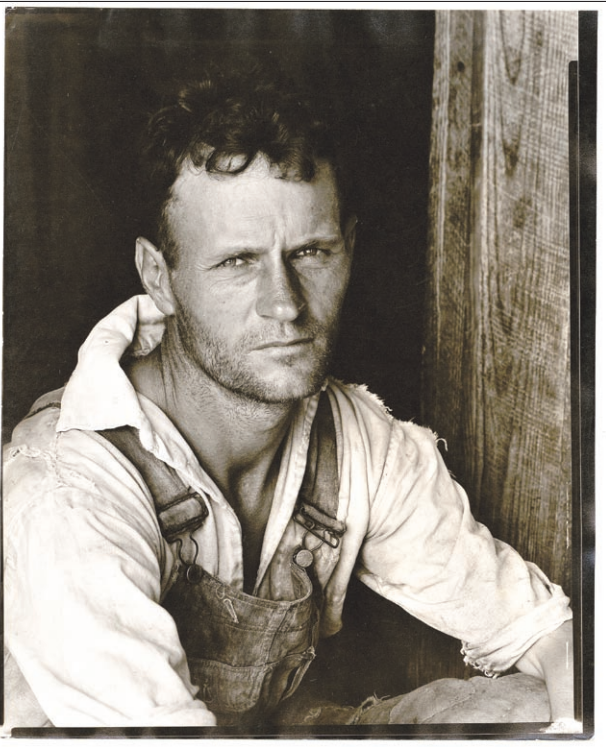
"As the sub-woofers thump and the guitars wail, I believe that humans, young and old, will feel drawn towards his archetype," Graves said. "[They will be drawn] towards the man with the guitar. His body of work reminds me that there was a time not so long ago when musicians were the jukebox, the

news anchor, the political pundit, the hero and the villain."

Now could be just the time, politically, for Guthrie to make a comeback among young people. Many have been drawing the parallels between Great Depression America and America today.

"The issues he sang about are still here, as millions of Americans continue to struggle in their lives and the income of lower and middle-class Americans has stagnated for the past decade," Slawek said. "Not to mention the right-wing attacks on unions and the reduction of social services as a result of shrinking state budgets. Conditions might indeed be ripe for the emergence of another troubadour willing to tell it like it is."

The hope of Slawek's next Woody Guthrie is compelling. People today crave the authenticity and simplicity that Guthrie represented in his music. It will be up to the individual to rediscover the old Guthrie or encourage the newer musicians who note Guthrie as an influence. Either way, his simple, sticky melodies will likely never be far from mind.



Woody Guthrie
1912-1967

Walker Evans | Photo courtesy of Harry Ransom Center
UT professors Coleman Hutchison and Stephen Slawek trace American culture and popular music back to Woody Guthrie's influential songs.

COMICS PREVIEW

DC Comics reimagine the Green Lantern

By Jeff Karoub
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — When DC Comics decided to blow up its fabled universe and create a brave, diverse future, Geoff Johns drew from the past for a new character: his own background as an Arab-American. The company's chief creative officer and writer of the relaunched "Green Lantern" series dreamed up Simon Baz, DC's most prominent Arab-American superhero and the first to wear a Green Lantern ring. The character and creator share Lebanese ancestry and hail from the

Detroit area, which boasts one of the largest and oldest Arab communities in the United States. The Green Lantern mantle in DC Comics is no stranger to diversity with its ranks made up of men, women, aliens — animal, vegetable and mineral — from across the universe. "I thought a lot about it — I thought back to what was familiar to me," Johns, 39, told The Associated Press by phone last week from Los Angeles, where he now lives. "This is such a personal story." But don't mistake him for a hero in the beginning: Baz disappoints both devout Muslims — his forearm tattoo that reads

"courage" in Arabic is considered "haram," or religiously forbidden — and broader society by turning to a life of crime. "He's not a perfect character. He's obviously made some mistakes in his life, but that makes him more compelling and relatable," he said. "Hopefully (it's) a compelling character regardless of culture or ethnic background. ... But I think it's great to have an Arab-American superhero. This was opportunity and a chance to really go for it." Of course, Johns hopes Green Lantern fans accept Baz, who joins other humans who have been "chosen," including Hal Jordan, John Stewart, Guy

Gardner and Kyle Rayner. The overall relaunch has been good for DC, which has seen a solid gain in sales and critical reception — as well as some expected grumbling — since coming out with the "New 52" last year. Johns also sees the debut of Baz as a chance to reconnect with people in his home state: He's scheduled to visit Dearborn this weekend for events related to the release that include a signing Friday at a comic book store and a free presentation Saturday on his career and characters at the Arab American National Museum. He worked with museum staff to make sure he got certain details



DC Comics via Bender/Helper Impact | Associated Press
Interior panels of the November 12 issue feature Arab-American character Simon Baz as lead of the new Green Lantern series.

right about his character and the Arab-Muslim community. "It doesn't completely define the character but it shapes the

character," he said. "My biggest hope is that people embrace it and understand what we're trying to do."

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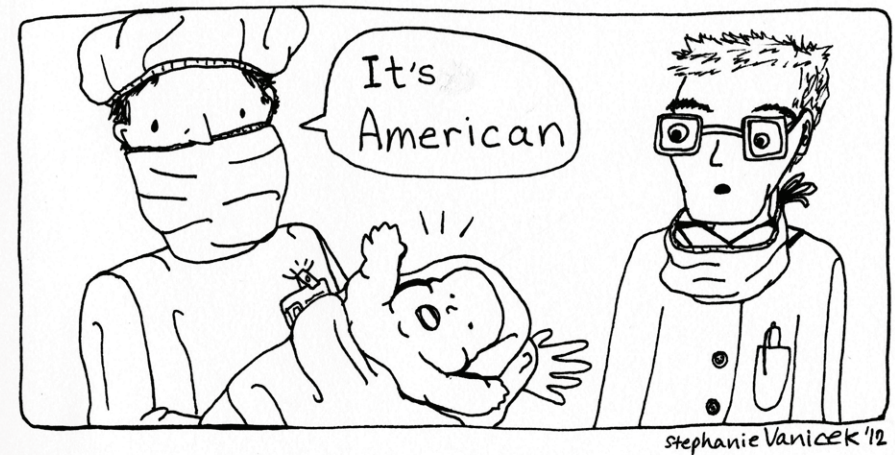
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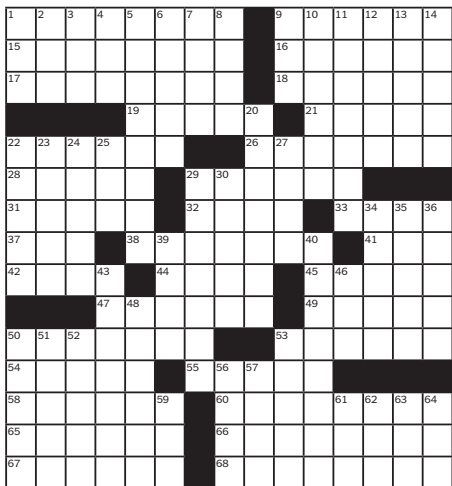
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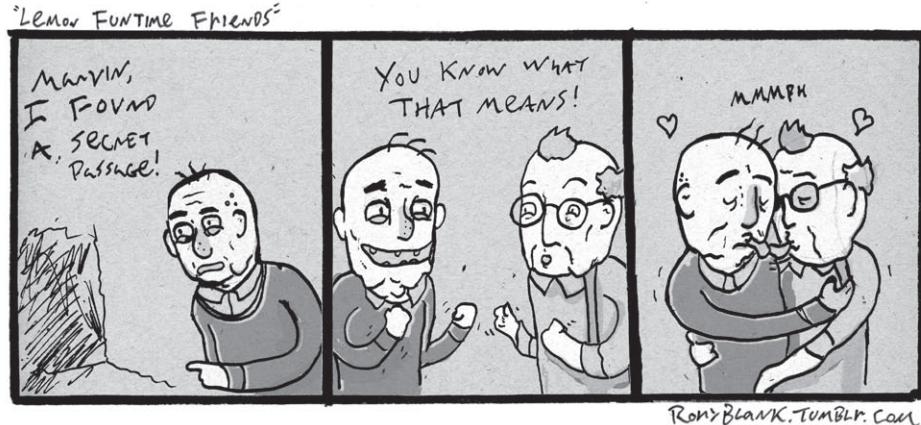
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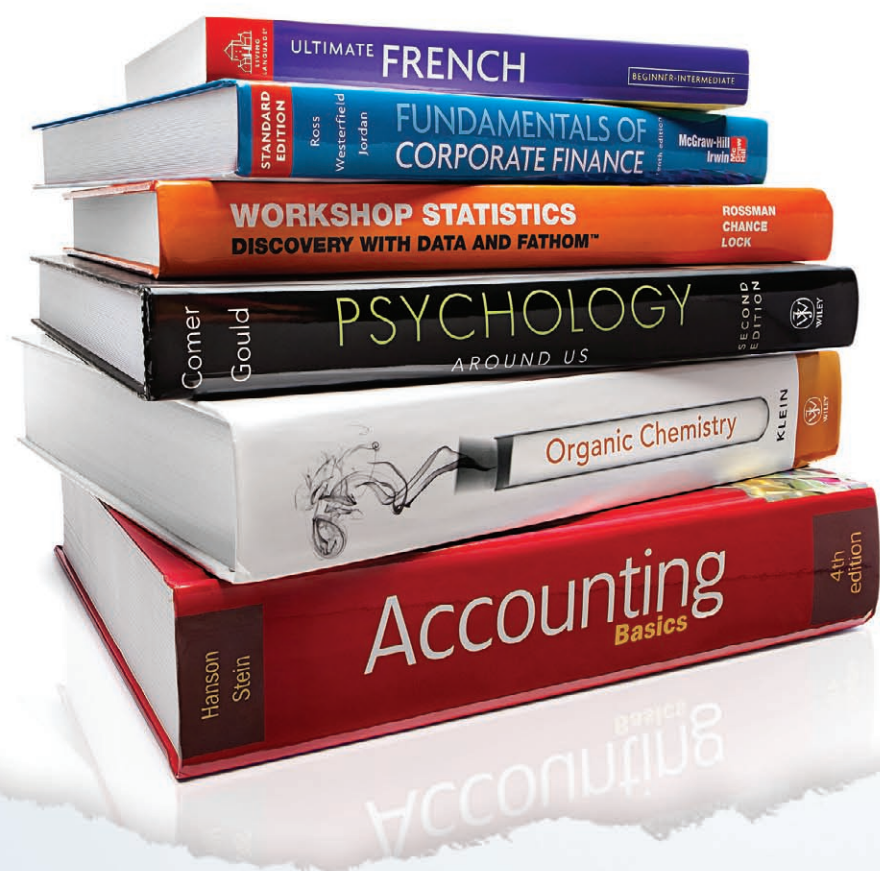
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